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In re Application of	:	
EBLING, Mark, Jacob, et al.	:	
U.S. Application No.: 09/529,184	:	
PCT No.: PCT/US98/21556	:	DECISION
International Filing Date: 13 October 1998	:	ON RENEWED
Priority Date: 14 October 1997	:	PETITION UNDER
Attorney's Docket No.: RCA 88759	:	37 CFR 1.47(a)
For: SYSTEM FOR FORMATTING AND PROCESSING	:	
MULTIMEDIA PROGRAM DATA AND	:	
PROGRAM GUIDE INFORMATION	:	

On 09 August 2000, this Office mailed a decision dismissing applicants petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) for failure to satisfy all the requirements of a grantable petition. Specifically, applicants had failed to provide adequate proof that a diligent effort had been made to obtain the signature of the nonsigning inventor, whom applicants claimed could not be located.

On 22 September 2000, applicants filed the "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)" considered herein. This Renewed Petition sets forth in detail the efforts made to locate the nonsigning inventor, and it is supported by a declaration executed by Ms. Davida Fornarotto, the paralegal who had tried to contact the nonsigning inventor. The facts set forth in the Renewed Petition and in the declaration of Ms. Fornarotto provide adequate evidence that a diligent effort has been made to locate the nonsigning inventor. Accordingly, applicants have now satisfied all the requirements for a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**. The application is accepted without the signature of applicant/co-inventors, Mehmet Kemal Ozkan.

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(a), a notice of the filing of this application will be forwarded to the non-signing inventor at the last known address of record as set forth in the petition, and a notice of the filing of the application under 37 CFR 1.47(a) will be published in the Official Gazette.

The application has an international filing date of 13 October 1998 under 35 U.S.C. 363 and a date of 07 April 2000 under 35 U.S.C. 371(c).

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the International Division for further processing in accord with this decision, including mailing of a Notification Of Acceptance Of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903).



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Dear Mr. Ozkan:

You are identified as an inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.47(a) and 35 U.S.C. 116. Should a patent be granted, you will be designated as an inventor.

As a named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or to make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent agent or attorney presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join in the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.



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